## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus for the cutting and removal of a braid from a person's natural hair includes a first member and a second member that are adapted to pivot about an axis under control by a hand of a user. The first member includes a linear longitudinal edge that cannot cut hair and is adapted to contact an inner edge of the second member. The inner edge includes a comb portion that is preferably detachable and an arcuate recess that provides an opening to receive the natural hair therein, a protrusion that functions as a pick to loosen the natural hair from the braid, and a cutting portion that is adapted to cut the braid where desired. Accordingly, all cutting, loosening, braid removal and combing operations are performed using the one apparatus, thereby expediting braid removal.